

House Resolution No. 3249

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have reached rare milestones in life that many strive for, but few attain; and

Whereas, Tommy Danuser is a Camden County native who recently celebrated his One Hundredth Birthday with a festive gathering of family members, friends, neighbors, and other well-wishers on what was billed locally as “Tommy’s Day”; and

Whereas, born on May 9, 1904, Tommy Danuser entered this earthly vale when Teddy Roosevelt was president of the United States and the Saint Louis World’s Fair was attracting visitors from around the globe; and

Whereas, Tommy Danuser was raised in a loving family that would eventually include nine children, the youngest of whom was born after Tommy was fully grown; and

Whereas, now one hundred years of age, Tommy Danuser has proven wrong the military recruiter who rejected him from service because of high blood pressure and a life span that was expected to be relatively short; and

Whereas, Tommy Danuser jokingly states that his long life is due to imbibing in moonshine during his younger days and his remaining single with a preference for working on the family farm, which at one time included four thousand acres spread across Camden County; and

Whereas, Tommy Danuser is no stranger to mending fences or firing up a chainsaw, but his telephone is a fairly recent innovation that made its appearance in his home just twenty years ago; and

Whereas, Tommy Danuser skillfully maintains a small grape arbor and a vegetable garden in which watermelons, cabbage, tomatoes, corn, peanuts, strawberries, turnips, pumpkins, and a great variety of other vegetables can be found growing:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life of Tommy Danuser and to convey to him this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations and our best wishes upon becoming a Missouri Centenarian; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Tommy Danuser of Camden County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Wayne Cooper, M.D.
District No. 155

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3249, adopted May 27, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker